

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAY 5TH, 1926.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Present:

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
Hon. John M. Dennis, Treasurer

Mr. David G. McIntosh, Jr., representing the interests having a contract with the Board of Public Works for the purchase of the land at the Northeast corner of Maryland and North Avenues, Baltimore, appeared before the Board and requested a re-arrangement of the terms for payment of the purchase price for the property. The Board agreed to amend its contract so that payments would be made as follows: \$25,000 at the time of signing of the amended agreement; \$25,000 June 1st, 1926; \$25,000 July 1st, 1926; \$25,000 August 1st, 1926; \$240,000, or the balance of the purchase price, on or before December 20th, 1926, with the right to the purchasers to anticipate any or all of the payments enumerated. Mr. Willis R. Jones, Assistant Attorney-General, was present and was instructed to prepare a paper covering the matter and to have it ready by Thursday, at which time Mr. McIntosh stated he would know definitely whether the interests he was representing would have the first payment of \$25,000.

Adjutant General Milton A. Reckord appeared before the Board with plans showing property located in Washington County, Maryland, between Blue Ridge Summit and Pen Mar as a proposed reservation for the State Military Department. He stated the property comprised about eight hundred acres, that the site had been approved and recommended by a special board appointed by him to investigate available sites for the reservation, and that a special board from the War Department at Washington had inspected the proposed location and had recommended it as ideal for a military reservation. General Reckord stated that the property cost about \$60,000, that he had no money in hand at this time with which to purchase the property, but that the Legislature of 1924 authorized the sale of the State Rifle Range at Saunder's Range and the application of the proceeds from the sale of the property to the purchase or lease of some other location. General Reckord also stated to the Board that if he could secure authority from the Board of Public Works to proceed with tying up the proposed location, he could secure immediately from the Federal Government for improvement of the property at this time \$40,000; that an additional \$35,000 would be forthcoming from the War Department on or soon after July 1st, 1926; and that approximately \$15,000 could be secured from the Government for the building of a rifle range. The Board authorized General Reckord to proceed to secure leases on the property, with the option to purchase it, with the idea in mind of paying for the property out of the proceeds from the sale of the State Rifle Range at Saunder's Range. General Reckord stated that with this authority he felt that he could start to work immediately and have the property in shape as a camp for the State Militia this summer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.